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Midway Manor Vibes

January, February, March, 2021 Edition
www.midwaymanor.org

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! Feliz Año Nuevo!

I hope this finds you all healthy and safe in this strange new year. I'm hopeful we'll be seeing some progress in the arrest of the virus and things will slowly get back to more of a normal lifestyle for us. It's definitely been a difficult and trying year for all of us, having to adapt and being unable to have our normal routines. Hopefully that will change this year and we'll be able to continue on with our lives as we did before.

I don't have enough space to thank the dozens of residents and area businesses who went above and beyond in providing activities for our kids, helping elderly neighbors with various tasks, patrolling the neighborhood, shoveling & snow blowing our neighbors out and boosting our spirits with the many meaningful gestures. This is the very definition of being great neighbors and making Midway Manor one of the very best places to live.

At this point, in person monthly meetings are not scheduled for January and February but we are exploring the possibility of having a virtual meeting via zoom in the near future. Watch Facebook and your email for further information about this.

In closing I'd like to ask every household to please join our Association. The very nominal dues of \$15 per household and \$10 for seniors is what allows us to provide the programs we do such as our meals for seniors program, the Easter Bunny visits, Operation Santa and our holiday house decorating contest. Encourage your neighbors to join and be a part of this vibrant community. Our membership application is enclosed in this issue.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or observations, do not hesitate to contact me or any Board member. We'll do our best to listen and help in any way we can.....

Stay safe and healthy!

David Tagg

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Happy New Year!

MENSAJE DEL PRESIDENTE

¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Espero que esto los encuentre a todos sanos y seguros en este extraño año nuevo. Espero que veamos algunos avances en la detección del virus y que las cosas vuelvan lentamente a un estilo de vida más normal para nosotros. Definitivamente ha sido un año difícil para todos nosotros, tener que adaptarnos y no poder tener nuestras rutinas normales. Con suerte, eso cambiará este año y podremos continuar con nuestras vidas como lo hicimos antes.

No tengo suficiente espacio para agradecer a las docenas de residentes y negocios del área que hicieron todo lo posible para brindar actividades para nuestros niños, ayudando a los vecinos mayores con diversas tareas, patrullar el vecindario, paleando la nieve a nuestros vecinos y animandolos con muchos gestos significativos. Esta es la definición misma de ser excelentes vecinos y hacer de Midway Manor uno de los mejores lugares para vivir.

En este momento las reuniones mensuales en persona no están programadas para Enero y Febrero, pero estamos explorando la posibilidad de tener una reunión virtual mediante zoom en un futuro cercano. Mire a Facebook y su correo electrónico para obtener más información al respecto.

Para terminar, me gustaría pedir a todos los hogares que se unan a nuestra Asociación. Las cuotas muy nominales de \$15 por hogar y \$10 para personas mayores es lo que nos permite ofrecer los programas que hacemos, como nuestro programa de comidas para personas mayores, las visitas del Conejo de Pascua, Operación Santa y nuestro concurso de decoración de casas de Navidad. Anime a sus vecinos a unirse y ser parte de esta vibrante comunidad. Nuestra solicitud de membresía está incluida en esta noticia.

Como siempre, si tiene alguna pregunta, inquietud, sugerencia o observación, no dude en comunicarse conmigo o con cualquier miembro de la Junta. Si necesita alguna parte de este anuncio en español la Representante de la Comunidad Hispana Enid Cruz, le puede ayudar. Haremos todo lo posible para escuchar y ayudarle en todo lo que podamos ...

¡Manténgase Seguro y Saludable!

David Tagg

Help Keep Our Neighborhood Clean



MMCA Events in 2021

Monthly Association Meetings

The Midway Manor Community Association meets the first Monday of the month at 6:45 PM at the New Harvest Church.

- January 4
- February 1
- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7
- July 5
- August 2
- September 13 - Nomination of Officers
- October 4 - Election of Officers
- November 1
- December 6 - Holiday Buffett



Articles for the next Vibes can be submitted to info@midwaymanor.org by March 15th and are subject to approval and editing.

The MMCA board would like to thank The church for their generosity in allowing us to hold our monthly meeting in their facility.

NOTE TO DOG WALKERS: Thanks for picking up after your “kids”, but please take the poop bag back to your home for disposal. Do not put the bags in the garbage receptacles on the playground. They are emptied weekly and the odor can be overwhelming.





KIDS NEED KIWANIS



*“Kiwanis is a global organization
of volunteers dedicated to improving
the world, one child and one
community at a time.”*

**Visitors are always welcome to attend a meeting
and learn about the great things we do for
children!**

The Kiwanis Club of Allentown
Northeast meets on Wednesdays
At Noon and the last Wednesday
of the month at 5:15 p.m. at
Denny's Restaurant,
1871 Catasauqua Road, Allentown.

Contacts can be made with:
Catherine Kane 610-776-8270 or
Andrea Naugle 610-740-9391

**Allentown N.E. Kiwanis Club
is PROUD to sponsor –**
Midway Manor Community Assn.
Children's Programs
Key Club at Dieruff High School
Students of the Month at Ritter
Elementary School
Key Club at Bethlehem Catholic
High School
Key Club at Roberto Clemente
Charter High School
K-Kids Club at Roberto Clemente
Elementary Charter School



THANK YOU TO KIWANIS INTERTIONAL

The MMCA Board would like to thank
the Kiwanis Club for their generous
donation that helps support our
activities.

David Tagg, MMCA Prisident and
member of Allentown N.E. Kiwanis
would like to thank all those who
purchased pies to support the Club.

The Vibes can be found on the City of
Allentown's web site, in the
neighborhood groups section at:
<http://www.allentownpa.gov/Community/NeighborhoodGroups/tabid/195/Default.aspx>

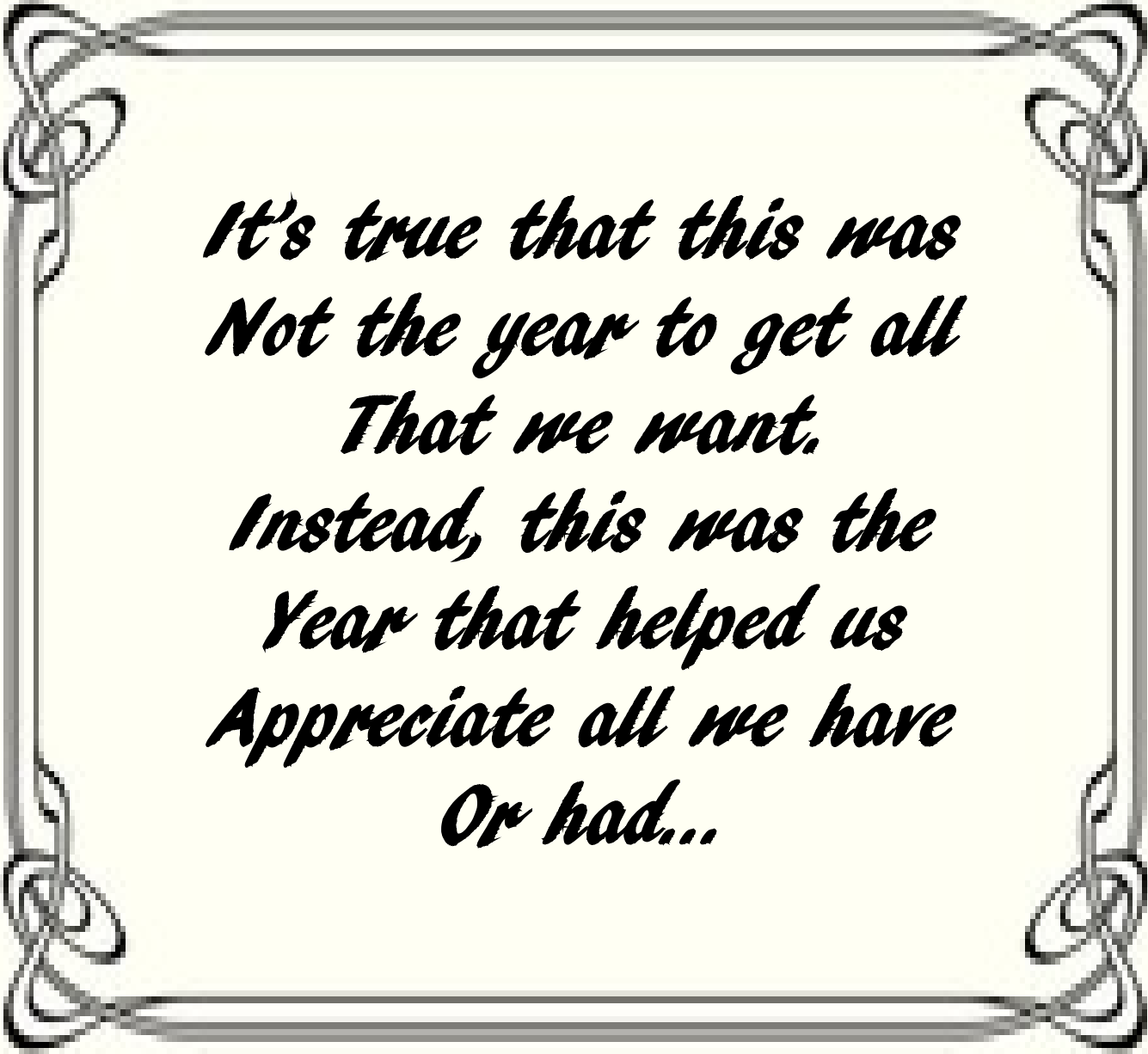


Keep your
outside
light on at
night

Midway Manor Facebook Group

All are welcome to join our FB group (Midway Manor Community Association). As of now we have over 510 members. Our FB has been very successful in tracking suspicious activity (please also call the comm center) and locating lost pets as well as helping residents with various questions.

We remind our FB members to abide by the guidelines approved by the board, which are posted at the top of the page on the right. We really do not enjoy removing people from the group.



*It's true that this was
Not the year to get all
That we want.
Instead, this was the
Year that helped us
Appreciate all we have
Or had...*



CLEVER WORDS FOR CLEVER PEOPLE

1. **ARBITRAITOR** - *A cook that leaves Arbys to work at McDonalds*
2. **BERNADETTE** - *The act of torching a mortgage.*
3. **BURGLARIZE** - *What a crook sees through*
4. **AVOIDABLE** - *What a bullfighter tries to do*
5. **COUNTERFEITER** - *Workers who put together kitchen cabinets*
6. **LEFT BANK** - *What the bank robbers did when their bag was full of money.*
7. **HEROES** - *What a man in a boat does*
8. **PARASITES** - *What you see from the Eiffel Tower*
9. **PARADOX** - *Two physicians*
10. **PHARMACIST** - *A helper on a farm*
11. **RELIEF** - *What trees do in the spring*
12. **RUBBERNECK** - *What you do to relax your wife*
13. **SELFISH** - *What the owner of a seafood store does*
14. **SUDAFED** - *Brought litigation against a government official*

Our Police Service Area is PSA1

Captain James Keiser, who has served as our PSA Captain for the past several years is retiring from the Allentown Police Department. We are awaiting news from the department about any replacement. Thank you to Chief Granitz for being our contact person during this transition.

The Board wishes to thank Captain Keiser for his dedicated service to Midway Manor and the City of Allentown.



When calling police provide the dispatcher with a detailed description of the person or persons and description and license plate number of the vehicle.

Keep a pen and paper near your phone. When you report anything to the police or city departments, mark down the dispatcher number or the person to whom you spoke, the date, time and any information you gave them.

Police Contact Numbers:
Emergency – 911
Non- Emergency – 610-437-7751
10th Street Desk – 610-437-7753

Midway Manor Security Patrol

Midway Manor has a neighbor who has volunteered to patrol the neighborhood and report suspicious activities to the communications center. He drives around the neighborhood various times during the day and night. You may have seen him on patrol. If you see him, wave to let him know that you appreciate his volunteer service.

We need additional neighborhood residents to patrol during the day and evenings hours. There are a few requirements to participate. If you are available and are interested, contact any board member for details.



Check Mate Numbers

The Allentown Police Department (APD) has a program called **Check Mate**, which allows callers to report incidents to the call center using a check mate number instead of their name and address. The number also expedites the reporting process resulting in quicker police response.

Check Mate Number applications can be picked up at any Community Association meeting, or by emailing a request to info@midwaymanor.org.

Christmas Tree Recycling

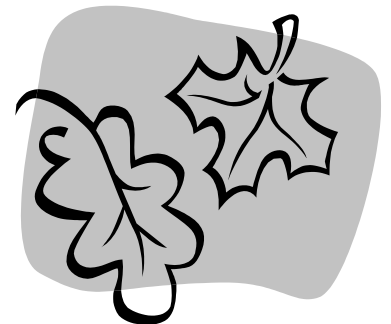
Christmas trees and other yard waste will be collected on Friday, January 15th and Friday, January 22th. Please remove plastic bags, stands and all other decorations. Christmas trees are recycled and made into mulch by the Recycling staff.

Any other yard waste can be put out on those nights as well. Place yard waste in containers as you do during the summer months.



UNCOLLECTED LEAVES

Anyone who did not get their leaves out at the curb before the last pick up which happened before Christmas must bag their leaves in plastic bags for pick up by the Streets Department. Residents must put their bags at the curb and call the Bureau of Streets (610-437-7638) to schedule a pick up. Please allow a few days for the pick-up of the bagged leaves. **Bags that have a mixture of leaves and garbage WILL NOT be picked up.**



MIDWAY MANOR'S FIRST & HOPEFULLY, ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our first Veteran's Day event honoring the men and women of Midway Manor who served our country in the military, was held at the park on Wednesday November 11th. We had a great turn out and many of Midway Manor's veterans attended.

All gathered at the flagpole and the Midway Manor Brass opened with the Star Spangled Banner. Treasurer Joe Svetecz provided remarks after which the brass played the Armed Forces Salute. As the anthem of each service played, Vice President Dick Wilburn had the veteran who served in that service come up and stand at the flagpole to be recognized. Immediately following, long time resident and former board member Mr. Dick Huber unveiled the plaque at the flagpole honoring our veterans.

Echo taps were then sounded by Kim Tagg and former resident Don Kemmerer. In spite of the cool, misty day, everyone enjoyed themselves and enjoyed hotdogs provided by the Svetecz family. We expect to make this an annual event.

Thank you to the following for making this event successful - Kim Tagg for getting the brass group together which included Kim and Don Kemmerer, George and Nancy Fennell and Charles Drum. Thank you to Joe Svetecz for his oration, Dick Wilburn for emceeing, C.J. Wagner trophies for the beautiful plaque, and last, but not least, a tremendous THANK YOU to the veterans who attended.



OPERATION SANTA 2020



OPERATION SANTA THANKYOU

Gift shopping - Kim Tagg and Stephanie Sigafoos

Gifts for Pets - Joe and Sarah Svetecz

Gift wrapping - Amy Feidler and Karla Benites

Elves - Enid Cruz, Stephanie Sigafoos, Felicia Wiedemann, Kristin Hinderleiter

Santa's Chauffeur - David Tagg

Giftmobile - Felicia Wiedemann

Primary Sponsor - Kohut Funeral Home / Downing Funeral Home

Business Sponsors - Joe's Battery & Tire
Stahley's Cellarette
Howard Air Conditioning
Bethlehem Business Forms

Books courtesy of Cops 'n' Kids Lehigh Valley, Beverly Bradley President

Gift Donations - Joanne Jackson, Mary Judd



Congratulations
To the 2020
HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING WINNERS



Manor's Best

1923 E. Highland Street



Christmas Elegance

1930 E. Fairmont Street



Best Use of Lights

1903 E. Highland Street



Griswold Award

1145 N. Wahneta Street



IN MEMORIAL

The Midway Manor Community Association Board would like to take time to extend our condolences to members of our community who have lost friends or family members during this past year. It is always difficult losing someone close.

The Board would like to recognize the passing of longtime residents of our neighborhood this past year.

- Maida Clever
- Carmelo Curatola
- Fern Deschler
- Joan Huber
- Ed Kneller
- Theresa Witman
- Charles Yaindl

We apologize if we may have missed anyone.

We would like to list announcements about Births, Deaths, Weddings, Engagements, Graduations etc. in future editions of the Vibes. If you would like to submit the information please write a short article using Microsoft Word or something compatible and send it to: Richard Wilburn at bopw@ptd.net.



MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT DRIVE

The MMCA Board is encouraging all residents to become members of the Community Association. Membership for Midway Manor Community Association runs from January 1 to December 31. The cost is only \$15 per household, \$10 for senior households. Membership entitles the household (adults and children) to participate in all functions sponsored by the Community Association. Membership dues is a major fund raiser for the Association.

To encourage early enrollment, we will have a drawing at the February Association meeting for gift cards to a local business. **ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ENROLLED BY JANUARY 31 WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAWING.** We currently have 14 households who have paid their dues for 2021.

MEMBERSHIP MANIA 2021

It is once again time for all of our Midway Manor residents to sign up for 2021 MMCA membership. Thank you everyone for your continued support.

All you have to do is fill out the form at the bottom of this page, drop it off or send it with your check or money to Richard Wilburn, 1039 N. Van Buren St., Allentown, PA 18109.

HOUSEHOLDS **\$15.00**

SENIOR HOUSEHOLDS (60 AND UP) \$10.00

(QUESTIONS, CALL Richard AT 610-435-2678

Membership cards can be picked up during any Association Meeting or by stopping by 1039 N. Van Buren St.
(Please call before stopping)

MMCA INFORMATION SHEET: PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT

Address:

Phone Number (s): _____ and _____

Email Address: _____

Adult Name(s): _____ Youth Name (s): _____

Payment (check one): Cash _____ Check _____ Check # _____ (Made out MMCA)

Signature: _____